

my moral essays on other subjects will do little good.

4th Inquiry — If such a paper were established, would not most of the Orthodox Ministers patronize it?

5th If you undertake it, when should you wish to commence?

Please write me on these subjects immediately.

We have had St Clair here — he gave us 4 very good lectures with the exception of one thing (this in confidence) he would do immense injury to the cause of Orthodox Missions, by the manner in which he handled that subject here. I like Genl Smith's letter. I think he is right, but I could not let ^{St Clair's} ~~his~~ observations go, without replying to him in public meeting, as I took the liberty to do. He may misrepresent my remarks, but I am happy to learn they were approved by the audience, so far as I have heard.

Yours Truly,

Geo. Russell.

P.S. I am rather inclined to think a paper such as would suit yourself & myself, would likewise suit our orthodox churches generally.

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Rev. A. A. Phelps.

Dear Mother.

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Geo. Russell.



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With regard to the question proposed in your last letter, I would like to make several inquiries,

First - What number of Subscribers do you suppose could be obtained to a paper of the character which is needed to circulate among the Orthodox Community?

Second - Would it be considered sectarian, should the paper embrace other subjects which ought to be discussed at the present time, viz - The Sabbath, Ministry &c? I consider it very important to insist on the necessity of the strict observance of the Sabbath, by all classes, rulers & ruled; on the value of the gospel ministry, & the danger of so undervaluing & trampling on the means of God's appointment for the salvation of this lost world, as to provoke His displeasure & lead to a withdrawal of those means. I fear for our country, I fear for the ark of God; something ought to be done, and that speedily, now comes the

3^d Inquiry, Is it our duty to try to do any thing to stay the tide of public sentiment which is strongly setting against the principles & practices of the puritans, by establishing a paper which shall uphold those principles & practices, so far as they are supported by the Bible? The Recorder's influence is feeble, because it winks at Slavery - indeed I doubt, almost, whether its influence is not against religion - hard saying, but men will judge of religion by its professors, & if they plead for any thing so notorious as Slavery, or do not condemn it, what is the consequence? Suppose I am a very good man but get drunk now & then - or exculpate those who do - what then?